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Minutes

Thursday, January 30, 2020

9:00 a.m. (Common Council Chambers, City Hall)

Board Members Present: Patricia Body, Charles Merrihew, Jaime Alicea, Mayor Ben Walsh, Helen Hudson, Larry Williams, and Calvin Corriders

Board Member Absent: N/A

Calvin Corriders made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting. Jaime Alicea seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

JSCB Secretary Joe Barry gave the following updates:

All Board members re-appointed for an additional year. NYS Comptroller approved latest version of the financial plan. Joseph Barry requested SIDA to amend the 2019A series on the Board's behalf, contingent to an affirmative vote to afford time for the required public hearing.

Chris Gray presented the Program Manager Report

Chris Gray provided an update on the following schools: Henninger, Clary, ELMS, Danforth, Fowler interior and exterior, Blodgett, Huntington, Grant, Ed Smith, Bellevue, Corcoran, Nottingham,

Helen Hudson asked about Blodgett, and if there was intent to remedy internal issues instead of just cosmetic exterior goals. Specifically, the hazards she personally witnessed and photographed regarding the interior include; holes in the floor, holes in the carpeting, and exposed descending pipes that are hot to the touch and reachable to children. Chris Gray and Thomas Ferrara stated various tasks have been done for the interior including; interior doors, toilet rooms, exterior doors, classroom painting, and sheet-metal radiator covers. Reportedly, the tile under the carpeting has asbestos under it requiring special removal over the summer with additional funding required for the upper floors. Painting has been completed on the upper floors despite other concurrent projects. Helen Hudson presented greater concern for hot pipes and ceiling tiles compromising a security monitor rather than painting classrooms. Thomas Ferrara stated he would go through the building and that there wasn't enough money in the project to do everything he wanted.



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Donna Harris Presented the September Financial Statement Report

Lloyd Dickerson presented the Compliance Report

Calvin Corriders asked how success is measured regarding social media responses to the JSCB's social media campaign/page(s). Lloyd responded that the number of "likes" is reviewed, but comments are the preferred method of feedback to review. Lloyd added that pertinent e-mails (job/bid requests, various comments, etc.) are forwarded for direct review.

Calvin Corriders asked if the number of attendees (~40) for a contractor interest meeting about Henninger was expected. Lloyd expected about that many attendees, and holds people accountable to RSVP and show up by tracking who had an interest in the project and didn't show up.

Helen Hudson asked why certain figures on the EEO Tranche 2 table showed up as zero. Lloyd stated the intern and resident was being molded to work on multiple projects while remaining on the current project which is near completion for the purposes of retaining and not laying off the intern).

Larry Williams asked how these impressive current numbers compared to Phase I, and Lloyd states that the numbers for Phase I were mainly retroactive since that phase was already underway when numbers were gathered. Lloyd states Phase I was a success with all numbers being met, and that number adjustments follow directives based on monthly projections which weren't available retroactively. Calvin Corriders added this worked out better since more criteria were added for desired standards.

Calvin Corriders asked if the Steam School would be outside of the JSCB. Mayor Walsh responded that the Steam School would be both outside of the JSCB and financed by Onondaga County.

Resolutions:

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1-2020 to authorize Landon & Rian Phase II payment (Invoice #52) in the amount of \$35,020.00. Charles Merrihew seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Charles Merrihew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2-2020 to authorize a payment to the Turner Construction Company (Payment #47) in the amount of \$155,344.43. Patricia Body seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Jaime Alicea made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3-2020 to authorize payments to various contractors pursuant to Tranche I financing as set forth in Appendix A. Calvin Corriders seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Larry Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 4-2020 to authorize payments to various contractors pursuant to Tranche II financing as set forth in Appendix A. Jaime Alicea seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5-2020 to authorize acceptance of donations for the JSCB Training Program to be used for refreshments. Larry Williams seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Calvin Corriders asked if this resolution was even necessary, to which Joseph Barry emphasized the necessity of governmental transparency with accepting donations, especially from persons/entities in business dealings with said government.

Larry Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 6-2020 to authorize amendment and reinstatement of JSCB Resolution #84-2018 authorizing the issuance of the series 2019A bonds to finance Phase II Tranche IIA. Calvin Corriders seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Larry Williams asked where the excess money being spent comes from. Joseph Barry deferred to Donna Harris, who responded that the money was from additional funds that were allocated to guard against high bids, but ultimately not used or spent. This was in addition to interest earned in excess of expectations. Donna Harris states this would afford the JSCB to borrow less for future projects.

Calvin Corriders asked if that amount triggered arbitrage issued with New York State regarding interest earned, and Donna Harris responded that the proceeds were below the threshold set by the State according to the calculations she used.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 7-2020 to authorize amendment to JSCB Resolution #29-2018 authorizing execution of a contract with Energy & Environment LLC for project monitoring services. Jaime Alicea seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 8-2020 to authorize execution of a contract amendment (Amendment #3) with Labella Associates D.P.C.. Larry Williams seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Helen Hudson asked if this resolution was just for Fowler, or if it was just a portion, and if extra costs were involved. Chris Gray states that about a year ago, it was added to the Fowler budget as a whole. However, Chris Gray states that the architect's fees must be proportionally adjusted when the building budget is expanded.

Calvin Corriders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 9-2020 to authorize amendment to JSCB Resolution #66-2017 authorizing a contract with Kideney Architects. Jaime Alicea seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Larry Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 10-2020 to authorize amendment to JSCB Resolution #51-2016 authorizing execution of a contract with Ashley McGraw Architects, D.P.C.. Charles Merrihew seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

Jaime Alicea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Williams seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.